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**PATENT**

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In re application of: Larry S. Eoff et al.

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For: Well Cementing Methods and Compositions

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- (2) The fee set forth in § 1.17(p)."

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  - (1) a final action under § 1.113 or
  - (2) a notice of allowance under § 1.311,whichever occurs first.

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A. ☐ a statement as specified in 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(e).

**OR**

B. ☒ the fee set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(p) for submission of an information disclosure statement under § 1.97(c). (\$180.00).

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**SUPPLEMENTAL INFORMATION DISCLOSURE STATEMENT**

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The following documents are known to Applicants or Applicants' attorneys and are submitted for the Examiner to consider in the above-captioned application.

**U.S. PATENTS**

U.S. Patent No. 5,028,271 issued July 2, 1991 to David A. Huddleston et al.  
U.S. Patent No. 4,938,803 issued July 3, 1990 to David A. Huddleston et al.  
U.S. Patent No. 5,134,215 issued July 28, 1992 to David A. Huddleston et al.  
U.S. Patent No. 5,147,964 issued September 15, 1992 to David A. Huddleston et al.  
U.S. Patent No. 6,739,806 B1 issued May 25, 2004 to Michael J. Szymanski et al.  
U.S. Patent No. 6,767,867 B2 issued July 27, 2004 to Jiten Chatterji et al.  
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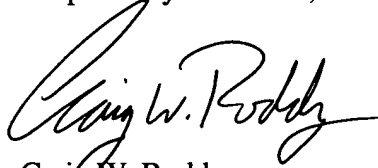
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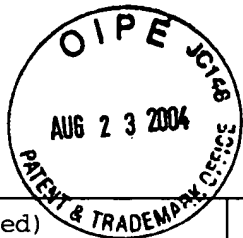
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to Shih-Ruey T. Chen et al.

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## U.S. PATENT DOCUMENTS

EXAMINER INITIAL		Document No.	Date	Name	Class	Subclass	Filing Date if Appropriate
	AA	5,028,271	07/02/91	Huddleston et al.	106	720	
	AB	4,938,803	07/03/90	Huddleston et al.	106	719	
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## FOREIGN PATENT DOCUMENTS

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